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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - INTEGRATED WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO DEVELOP INTEGRATED WATER SOURCES IN MAJOR RIVER BASINS TO SUPPLY RAW WATER TO 99 COMMUNITIES, ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF WHICH ARE WITHOUT OR ARE SERVED INADEQUATELY BY WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES. THIS PROJECT CONSISTS OF CONSTRUCTING 10 WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS FOR A LIKE NUMBER OF GROUPS OF SEVERAL COMMUNITIES EACH. RAW WATER REQUIRED FOR THE SYSTEMS WILL BE DRAWN FROM SURFACE WATER OR THE RESERVOIRS OF MAJOR RIVER BASINS. EACH SUPPLY SYSTEM WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A RAW WATER INTAKE FACILITY, A RAW WATER BOOSTER PUMPING STATION, AND A RAW WATER TRANSMISSION PIPE LINE.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICE:

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3. COST AND FINANCING: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE TENTATIVELY ESTIMATED AT DOLLARS 136 MILLION. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF DOLLARS 68 MILLION WILL BE FINANCED THROUGH FOREIGN LOANS FOR IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES. THE ROKG-MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION (MOC) HAS NOT YET ARRANGED FINANCING OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS ON THIS PROJECT BUT IT HAS RECEIVED A PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT FROM ADB FOR A DOLLARS 22 MILLION LOAN FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROJECT.

4. EXPECTED BID DATES: UNKNOWN, DEPENDS ON AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING. MOC HOPES THAT INVITATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION FOR FOREIGN CONSULTING SERVICES INCLUDING DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN AND PREPARATION, COMPLETE CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION (PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS) FOR BIDDING PURPOSES AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CAN BE LET BY LATE 1976. ESTIMATED DATE FOR MOC ISSUE OF TENDERS FOR EQUIPMENT WILL BE IN EITHER THE FIRST OR SECOND QUARTERS OF 1977 DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FOREIGN LOANS.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES: U.S. INVOLVEMENT COULD INCLUDE PROJECT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN, PREPARATION OF THE TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT TO BE PURCHASED, AND CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION. ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE PROJECT INCLUDE: ALL NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR INTAKE FACILITIES, TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, BOOSTER PUMPING STATIONS AND TREATMENT FACILITIES.

6. POST COMMENTS: ROKG FEASIBILITY STUDY BY A KOREAN CONSULTING FIRM (YOO SHIN ENGINEERING CORPORATION IN SEOUL) WAS COMPLETED IN DECEMBER 1975. SITE PREPARATION WORK WILL COMMENCE IN THE LATTER PART OF 1976 WITH COMPLETION SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF 1981. THE PROPOSED ADB LOAN OF DOLLARS 22 MILLION IS FOR THE INITIAL PHASE WHICH CALLS FOR SUPPLY OF RAW WATER TO 24 MEDIUM AND SMALL-SIZED COMMUNITIES IN THE GEUMGANG RIVER AND ANDONG AREAS ONLY.
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